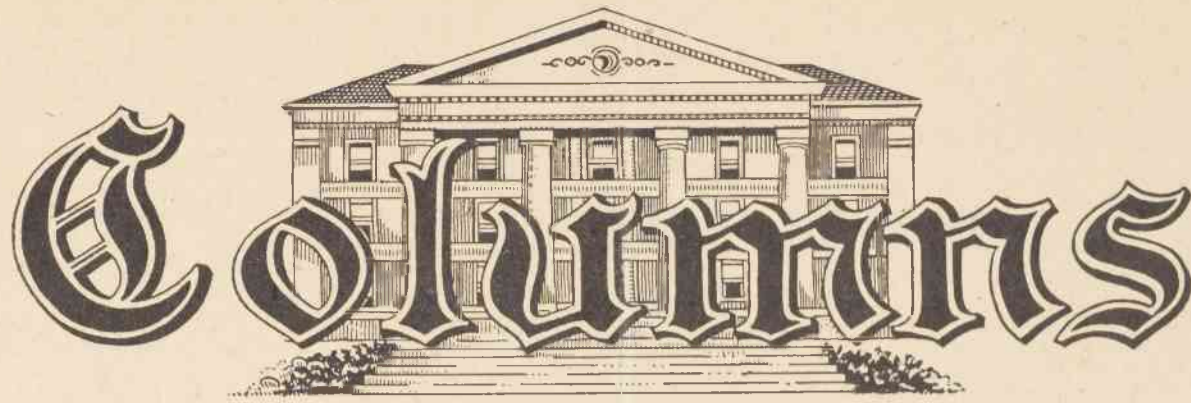


Merry
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Happy
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Season's Greetings



—Staff photo by Edward Ezzell.

Methodist Conference Campaign Nears End

Drive May Fall Short Of Five Million Goal

The current campaign by the North Carolina conference for five million dollars to establish and strengthen educational facilities in North Carolina is drawing to a close now, approximately one million dollars shy of the goal.

The drive, which started on November 16, is continuing and it is too early to tell whether or not it will fall short by an appreciable amount.

The drive was spurred in anticipation of the huge student enrollment expected in the next few years. The *U. S. News and World Report* predicts a gain of 154 per cent in the next 18 years.

In the Louisburg area seven churches raised 100 per cent or more of their goals. Among these was the Louisburg Methodist Church which raised \$16,344.

What This Means

In the event that the goal of five million is not reached Louisburg College will receive \$300,000 of the proposed \$450,000.

In an interview with Dr. Robbins it was learned that the school could go ahead on a building program with this allotment. "The library is our most crucial need," he said, but quickly amended that an auditorium is considered by many equally as important. The new library can be built for \$200,000.

Dr. Robbins estimated that we should "be in" the library in two years. "But at this stage," he said, "nothing definite has been decided." A meeting of the board of directors, planned for last Friday, was postponed on account of bad weather. Matters pertinent to the proposed construction would have been discussed.

On the question of expansion Dr. Robbins said that the school was thinking in terms of an enrollment of 600 in the years to come, "as we get the facilities." The new cafeteria
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A Freshman's Comments On Harp Concert

We were honored to hear music played by a young woman who is known all over America in the field of music, Miss Susan McDonald. I think that we should be proud to be given the opportunity to hear masterpieces played by a master of the harp. The harp is an unusual instrument, and it is not often that we get to see it played. In the short history Miss McDonald gave of the harp, we students were interested to learn that its use reached back to Biblical times. It will probably be a long time before most of us have the chance to hear such a wonderful musician again. I think it was interesting as well as educational. This concert will be remembered by all who heard it. I, as a Louisburg College freshman, am grateful for having had the privilege of hearing Miss McDonald play her harp. WALTER WHITAKER

SENIORS SPONSOR CHRISTMAS DANCE

By BILL GRIFFIN SPIVEY

On Saturday night, December 13, the annual Christmas Dance was held in the college gym. The dance was sponsored by the Senior class. Snow and bad weather took its toll in the attendance, as most of the out-of-town dates were unable to attend, but considering the weather conditions there was a large crowd.

The Playboy Jazz Quartet from East Carolina College was scheduled to provide the music for the dance, but because of the traffic hazard, the group was unable to appear. As a result, an hour-long jazz concert, which was slated to precede the dance was cancelled. In the absence of a band a record player was used in conjunction with the new speaker system recently installed in the gym.

The decorations were quite lavish and reflected many hours of work on the part of the decorating committee, headed by Tommy Riggan, president of the Senior Class. Upon entering through the vine-covered gate at the front door, one immediately felt as if he had entered another world. A suspended net sky with glittering stars and centerpiece gave a feeling of space. The sides of the building were decorated with green foliage. In the center at the far end of the gym was an attractive Christmas tree. At the base of the tree was Santa's sleigh and reindeer. Its dazzling glitter provided
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Housemothers Are Host At Party

On Wednesday night, December 10, Louisburg housemothers, Aunt Helen and Aunt Bessie were host at a Christmas party for all the boys in Main and Franklin. The beautiful Christmas decorations by Aunt Helen gave the perfect atmosphere in the Main Parlor. And, boy, was there a turnout. Almost every boy in the dorms put in an appearance.

Tasty refreshments were served to all in attendance. There was punch, roasted pecans, peanuts, mints, and cookies. The refreshment table was decorated with a beautiful Christmas table cloth.

Several members of the faculty were present, including Dr. Robbins.

All of the boys gathered around the piano to sing Christmas carols and other songs. Incidentally girls, the boys will give you a good run in the vocal department.

Aunt Helen and Aunt Bessie both were sporting beautiful dresses and were prepared to receive the boys like kings. Nor were their guests lacking in appreciation for the thoughtfulness of their hostesses. Everyone assured the house mothers that they had a wonderful time.
BILL SPIVEY

NEW CAFETERIA OPENING SCHEDULED

President Cecil Robbins has announced that a date has been confirmed for the opening of the new college cafeteria. Dr. Robbins also stated that the Board of Trustees, which was to have met during the week of December 13, has postponed its meeting until January 5, because of bad weather.

In conjunction with the meeting of the trustees there is to be a formal opening ceremony for the cafeteria at 11:00 p.m. on December 5. At 12:00 p.m. the first meal is to be served in the \$225,000 structure.

President Robbins said that all
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SNOW USHERS IN HOLIDAY SEASON

On Wednesday, December 10, the weatherman prophesied continuing cool with possible rain for Thursday. He was right. From 12 a.m. until 3 a.m. Thursday it was cold and clear, the Louisburg air affecting one with the headiness of Burgandy.

Then, with the silent insidiousness of propaganda, snow came to Louisburg. The snow was welcomed with shouts of joy by the majority of the students, who are always eager for any break in the scholastic monotony of college life.

By noon, however, the snow had reached proportions which placed it in the class with the deepest snows in a decade. The heavy snow brought frowns to the faces of local merchants, who saw their business affected, and local motorists, a few of whom found themselves in ditches.

Even with the inevitable inconveniences, such a snow seemed a quite proper way to usher in the Christmas season.

LA FIESTA

A Christmas Fiesta was presented by Mrs. Allen de Hart's first year Spanish classes on December 17.

The Master of Ceremonies, Charles Tuttle, introduced the features of the program. David Birdsong discussed Christmas customs in Spanish-speaking countries.

Adding to the entertainment were two skits given by the students of the Spanish classes. *Los Turistas*

Ignorantes (The Ignorant Tourists) written by Linwood Baird, Eddie Brown, and Jerry House, revealed a Spanish cafe scene in which two American tourists discovered too late that an error in pronunciation could produce false impressions which lead to chaos. *La Noche de Amor (The Night of Love)* written by Donald Austin, Hugh Hicks, Jimmy Dew, R. A. Bartholomew,
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COUNT DOWN

By PETE MAUPIN

X minus 1 week - Preparations for X day are being carried on with a feverish intensity. Suppressed excitement is a swift-flowing undercurrent among all participants.

X minus 24 hours Dead weight ballast is being placed in its containers. Anxiously the weather is watched. Will it interfere?

X minus 12 hours Crowds are working late into the night completing final preparations. Nothing must be overlooked on the all-important check list.

X minus 1 hour Everyone is assembling to get last minute instructions. Fueling has been completed. Powerful engines are awaiting the signal to hurl the vehicles away from our familiar sphere.

X minus 10 minutes Tension is mounting steadily. Ears strain in expectation of the long-awaited signal. All other concerns are forgotten.

X minus 1 minute The payload has been placed aboard. There appears to be a chance of some solid precipitation in the near future, but that would only enhance the success of the venture. There is some concern over the fact that the return of the vehicles to this sphere might be sooner than is hoped for, but everything seems to be going well.

X minus 10 seconds Nothing short of a hurricane could stop us now. Hearts are beating faster with each passing second.

X minus 9 . . . 8 . . . 7 . . . 6 . . .

X minus 5 seconds It's all or nothing — now it's too late!

X minus 4 . . . 3 . . . 2 . . . 1 . . .

ZERO! Electrical contact is made — a bell rings. A low rumble wells into a thundering, crashing bedlam as the building is quickly evacuated. . . . Soon is heard the roar of countless motors as Louisburg College closes for the holidays.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!